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INTRODUCTION

This report on the Sagon-ni Naval Base is one of a continuing series by NPIC on North Korean port and naval installations. Sagon-ni is a major naval base for the North Korean West Sea Fleet, although lacking in significant berthing facilities.

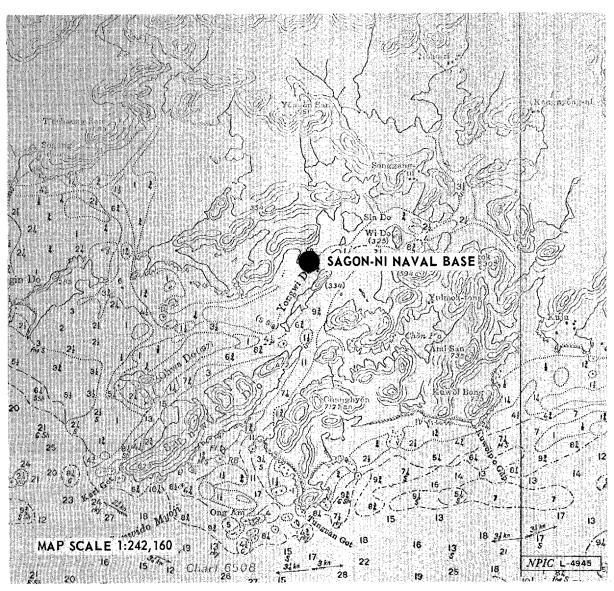


FIGURE 1. GENERAL LOCATION MAP

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6.7 nm south of Ongjin.

This installation appears to be the home port for approximately one half of the West Sea OB inventory. Although lacking in significant alongside berthing, numerous mooring bouys are positioned in the channels adjacent to the base. This yard can perform out-of-the-water repairs on any unit known to be in the West Sea Fleet. An extensive housing/barracks area adjoins the operating base; however, the extent of the military areas is not apparent.

Facilities include 1 L-head pier, 1 marine railway with a transverser, 2 marine railways/low tide repair ramps, 1 large U-shaped probable maintenance support building, 1 secured building, 3 probable administration buildings, 11 storage/support buildings, a barracks/housing area, 4 administration buildings and 155 barracks/warehouses/civil housing.

Water depths of less than 5 fathoms are charted within 3/4 nm NNE of Sunwi-do.

The entrance and shores of Kangnyong-gang are obstructed by tidal flats and islands. There is, however, a channel which affords anchorage just inside the entrance to the bay.

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FIGURE 2. SAGON-NI NAVAL BASE

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FIGURE 3. SAGON-NI NAVAL BASE OPERATING AREA

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FIGURE 4. AREA PHOTOGRAPH OF SAGON-NI NAVAL BASE

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